

Brookings United Church of Christ

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From the Pastor's Pen

I am writing this just a few days before the election and thinking (a) we will all be glad when the campaigns are finished, and (b) how fortunate we are to live in a vigorous democracy. I hope you voted.

This time of year calendars fill up quickly. Thanksgiving is at hand and Advent and Christmas will soon follow. The church is once again planning on hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner. I am glad. I have good memories of the fellowship and food we enjoyed last year as we celebrated Thanksgiving at the church. I encourage you to put it on your calendar if you are in town.

The Sunday School team is preparing for a Christmas play which will be all or part of our worship service on December 19th. We will have rehearsal the Sunday and Wednesday before and good lessons planned for November and December. Thanks to all the teachers, parents, children and youth.

Our newly forming friendship with Rev. Ron and Rev. Danelle McKinney and the students at the Native American Education and Cultural Center is a cause for celebration and thanksgiving. I don't know what the future holds but our time together in October and November has been rich and joy filled.

Dustin Bartlett has taken a leadership role in reaching out to the Gay Straight Alliance on the SDSU campus. And, he is providing leadership for our membership survey and stewardship program.

Dustin and Rev. Carl Kline have been working with others in the community to facilitate a Muslim-Christian conversation. Going through my library at home I came across Edward W. Said's book, *Covering Islam: How the Media and the Experts Determine How We See the Rest of the World* (Vintage Press). Said says, "My contention is that most of this [media coverage of Islam] is unacceptable generalization of the most irresponsible sort... and could never be used for any other religious, cultural, or demographic group on earth." I am glad for the Brookings conversations.

After the church council voted to affirm our relationship with the Backpack Project, the management team submitted a grant to the Larson Foundation requesting funding for part-time staff positions. The Foundation responded by awarding BBP a grant of \$50,000. What an outstanding vote of confidence. We are indeed thankful to the Larson Foundation for this generous support, and to the individuals who submitted the grant and have been providing key leadership to BBP, and to BUCC council and community.

And I still haven't mentioned the Wednesday night fellowship, the Final Friday, Sunday Bible study, the music group, and the list is growing.

As you can see, there is a lot to celebrate and a lot for which we can and do give thanks. Looking to the future, I have shared with the council my hopes that as we prepare for 2011 we will begin to focus on three broad areas of our common life so that we can continue these and other important ministries. The three areas are: membership, mission, and money. How do we who are members and friends of BUCC feel about our church? What areas of mission and ministry are important to us? And how will support these ministries financially? I hope that we can use our annual meeting in January to share our hopes and dreams for the future of this wonderful church.

Blessings,
Pastor David

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2 Chris Hay
7 Jim Lippert
8 Kali Ward
9 Torie Dokken
27 Isla Hay
28 Doug sward
30 Myrna Huebner

Pastor David's Calendar
 Pastor David will be in Wichita October 18 through November 6, and November 15 through December 11. In case of an emergency or other pastoral needs, please contact Ann Spitzenberger at the church office, or 691-2057. Ann is a licensed pastor in the Presbyterian Church, USA.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER
November 7: Rev. Ron McKinney and Pastor David
November 14: Pastor David
November 21: Dustin Bartlett
November 28: Ann Spitzenberger

Services at Brookview Manor and URC
 Sunday, November 14 at 1:45 (Brookview) and 2:30 (URC). Please join Pastor David at these special services.

On Sunday, November 7 we will again welcome to our worship service Rev. Ron McKinney, American Indian Student Advisor at SDSU. It will be a joy to be together again. We will continue our Sacred Conversation on Race with Native Americans.
 At this special service we will dedicate the beautiful Star Quilt graciously given to our congregation by Charles Woodard. Phyllis Cole-Dai has written a song for the Star Quilt dedication.

POTLUCK DINNER



BISON FARM

POTLUCK DINNER AND TRIP TO THE HARMONY HILL BISON FARM
 Following worship on November 7, we will enjoy a potluck dinner. Carolyn Warmann is coordinating the meal. Jerry and Carolyn will prepare a pork roast to feed 35. Carolyn has a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary. You do not need to list the exact dish you will be bringing, just which category. (vegetables/sides, salad, bread, dessert)
 Following dinner, we are going to visit the Harmony Hill Bison Farm. The farm is at 21782 457th Ave, Arlington, SD, and is owned by Mark and Sharon Stime. You may have seen them at the Brookings Farmer's Market. The Stime's work hard at land conservation and ecologically sound farming. They also have a log cabin on their place. We're visiting this farm as a lead up to Empty Bowls and our fundraising for Heifer International—another way of learning about animals and agriculture.
COME TO CHURCH DRESSED TO GO TO THE BISON FARM!!




November 7

November 2010

First Sunday of Advent



November 28

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 2:00 p.m. Church Women United 3:00 p.m. Native American Cultural Center	6 8:30 a.m. Interfaith Meditation 9:30 a.m. Singing Practice
7 9:45 a.m. Singing Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Potluck Following Lunch Bison Farm	8 7:00 p.m. Council 	9	10 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Night	11	12 7:00 p.m.— 10:00 p.m. Kid's Night Out	13 8:30 a.m. Interfaith Meditation
14 Communion 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 	15	16 6:00 p.m. Empty Bowls 	17	18	19	20 8:30 a.m. Interfaith Meditation
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POT LUCK SUPPER



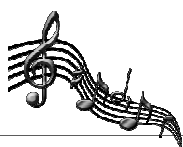
WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

The BUCC Wednesday Night program for November will be on the 10th. We'll begin at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck supper. After eating, we'll have a fun time telling stories, sharing jokes, and playing some games. Please come and join in an evening of fellowship with your church family.

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JOIN THE SINGING GROUP!

The BUCC Singers are going to sing during our special worship service on November 7. Everyone is invited to join! Reading music is optional. Just come to sing and enjoy a time of fellowship with other singers. We are going to practice on Saturday, November 6 at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday, November 7 at 9:45 a.m. You may attend both practices, or just one. Come join the fun!



FOOD PANTRY

Please continue to bring items for the food pantry. We will be collecting a variety of items: foods of all kinds and toiletry products. High need items are: soda crackers, hearty soups, breakfast cereals, peanut butter, mac 'n cheese, canned meat, canned fruit, tuna and canned vegetables. Thank you!

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

Please plan to attend the Opening Celebration of the Native American Cultural Center on the SDSU campus. It will be held on Friday, November 5, with an open house around 3 p.m., and a program at 4:00. The location is the old SDSU Foundation building on Medary Avenue. Refreshments of traditional Native American food will be served.

SAVE LIDS TO SAVE LIVES

We will continue to save the pink lids from Yoplait Yogurt during November, and most of December. We can do something to help in the fight against cancer. Please collect the pink lids from YOPLAIT yogurt products. There will be a bucket at the back of the sanctuary in which to place the lids that you bring. **SAVE LIDS TO SAVE LIVES.**



EMPTY BOWLS 2010



Do you have your Empty Bowls ticket yet? Tickets are on sale at the church for the 2010 Empty Bowls event to be held Tuesday November 16th from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Pick up a ticket after Church or by calling the Church office at 692-2882 to arrange for pick-up/purchase. Please pass the word to friends and acquaintances. We have many tickets to sell and we need everyone working to make this event a success.

All who attend will enjoy picking out their own handmade bowl, choosing from a delicious array of soups and breads to eat, listening to the lovely piano stylings of Sioux Falls musician **Kristi Holler**, and sharing in a marvelous time of fellowship.

Phyllis Cole-Dai will give the Empty Bowls "address" this year. Come join us in "**Exercising the Moral Imagination**," a **multi-media presentation** Phyllis has created especially for this event. She will lead those gathered on a visual journey through a "moral dreamscape" and consider its implications for alleviating local and world hunger. Together with **Kristi Holler** and Brookings musician **Gary Snow**, **Phyllis** will also offer two original songs, accompanied by photographic montages, using music and visuals to inspire the moral imagination.

Can't make it on the 16th? Please consider making a donation to Heifer International in the name of Brookings UCC. You can do so by going to the Church Website <http://www.brookingsucc.org/> and clicking the Empty Bowls link and following it to the Heifer site, or you can mail or drop off a check at the church designated for "Empty Bowls." Envelopes will be available at the back of the Church listing animals you can purchase to fill the ark. Please consider taking the time to make a donation. Thank you!



EMPTY BOWLS

Sunday School Schedule

Oct 24th - Ecological farming – Jihong, Dustin, Chris

Oct 31st – Star Quilt Project – Susan will describe the story and significance of the star quilt to the whole congregation and then the children will go off to start their own star quilt project. Jihong will look to see if there is a program to use to make the star picture, perhaps bring in laptops to help. The younger kids might want to just color a already printed star pattern. Sue and Darlene will help.

Nov 7th – Finish the star quilt project and have fellowship with the McKinney's. Jihong, Darlene and Kathy will supervise and help.

Nov 14th – Pottery with Dave Huebner. Assisting Dave will be Darlene, Kathy, and Loye. Start at 9:00 a.m. in the Education Wing.

Nov 21st – Kathy do a cooking class. Darlene will help.

Dec 5th – This is the hanging of the greens day. SS will prepare some decorations. The plan is for popcorn and paper ring garland. Darlene and Kathy will be in charge of this.

Dec 12th – Play practice and decorate scenery with Jihong and Larry H.

Dec 15th – Pizza and practice in the evening. Tammy, Sue, and Darlene are in charge of this.

Dec 19th – Kids will put on Christmas play. Dustin is looking for a play for this. Everybody will help.

Kid's Night Out

Nov 12th, 7 – 10 pm – A night for kids to play games and have general fellowship. Friends are welcome. Pastor David, Kathy and Loye will help. Darlene, Tammy, and Kathy will provide snacks. Loye will supply liter bottles of pop and juice boxes.

2011 COUNCIL

The slate of church officers for 2011 is partially filled but there is still room for you! These positions have been filled:

Council Moderator: Sue Hay

Council Secretary: Carolyn Warmann

Council Treasurer: Ann Spitzenberger

Vacancies:

Church Outreach: 2 members – responsible for evangelism, social justice, special projects

Church Life: 1 member – responsible for Christian education, spiritual life, care giving

Church Home: 1 member – responsible for building, grounds, finances

If you are interested in serving on the church council in 2011, please see Julie Huebner, Sue Hay, Dustin Bartlett, or Pastor David.

Health Care Matters
Public Information Forum
Saturday, November 13, 2010, 1:30-3:30

PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
The Health Care Reform Bill
What does it mean for South Dakota?

Brookings Public Library Cooper Room

Panel

Mark Anderson: President/Financial Secretary, South Dakota State Federation of Labor
Deb Fischer-Clemens: Vice President, Avera Center for Public Policy
Randy Moses: Assistant Director, South Dakota Division of Insurance

Dakota Grassroots Democracy

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity is holding a public information meeting for its A Brush With Kindness program at the Brookings Public Library Meeting in Room B on Thursday, November 4 at 7:00 pm. Pick up an application (help is available to fill it out), learn all about ABWK – 2011 homes will be painted for free and small exterior repair jobs costing up to \$3,00 can be paid at no interest at \$50 or less per month – and get you questions answered. Refreshments will be served. Applicants must own and reside in their home to be able to get their home repaired or painted. Apply now for 2011 projects. Call 692-5601 for questions about the meeting.



HARVEST TABLE

On November 29, our church will be serving the Harvest Table at the Methodist Church. We will use leftovers from the Thanksgiving meal if we have any. Darlene will ask for help as time gets closer.



Thanksgiving

COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING
DINNER

We will once again have the Thanksgiving Dinner at the church. As some have mentioned, the ones who come to our meal are ones who may be in need of food but more specifically they want to be with someone and enjoy some good company. We have that plus food! Darlene will put a sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary on the table for things to be furnished.

Please help the SDSU Semester 5 Nursing Students
support the Refugee families of Sioux Falls

What: WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Please bring any kid or adult winter clothing that needs to be put to good use to the church by November 7. Susan Rosen will pick them up. Your help would be greatly appreciated by both the SDSU Nursing Students and the Refugee Families of Sioux Falls.



PROJECT JOY

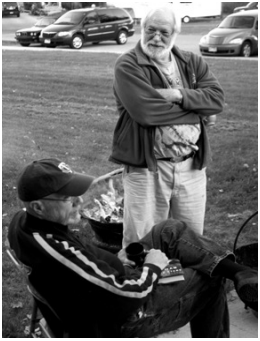
Project Joy is asking for everyone's help in stocking their holiday store for Christmas. They will happily accept gifts for children of all ages. Checks, money orders, gift certificates, and gift cards in any amount are always welcome ~ especially for children ages 13—18. There will be a Christmas box at the back of the sanctuary where gifts can be placed. The gifts should not be wrapped. December 5 will be the last Sunday to contribute as the gifts have to be in by December 8. If you have any questions, please call Darlene, or the church office. Thanks!



MAKE THE HOLIDAYS MORE MEANINGFUL!

Give a life-changing gift to Heifer international in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. It's a gift that brings promise to hungry families and the opportunity for a better life to the less fortunate. Come to Empty Bowls on November 16, 2010 and take the stress out of shopping while putting the meaning back into giving.

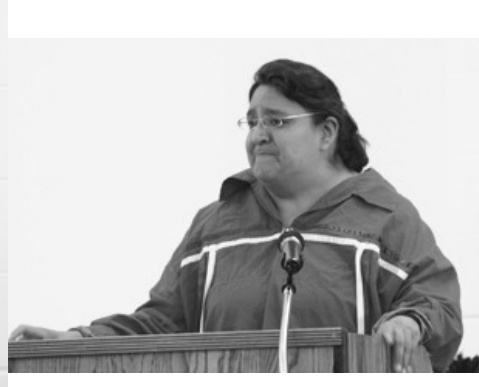
WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP



Come Join the Fun!!!

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**Sunday, October 10
with our Native American Friends**



Rev Ron and Rev. Danelle McKinney



Enjoying Indian Tacos

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